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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council[1] provides that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs shall elect, from among the representatives of its members, a Chairman and such other officers as may be required.

In accordance with rule 16 of the rules of procedure, officers of the Commission shall hold office until their successors are elected and shall be eligible for re-election.

In its resolution 1999/30 of 28 July 1999, the Council decided on the following arrangements for the election of the bureau of the Commission in order to implement the provisions of paragraph 3 for enhancing the functioning of the Commission:

> "... with effect from the year 2000, the Commission should, at the end of its session, elect its bureau for the subsequent session and encourage it to play a more active role in the preparations of the regular as well as the informal inter-sessional meetings of the Commission, so as to enable the Commission to provide continuous and effective policy guidance to the Programme."

In the light of that decision, and in accordance with rule 16 of the rules of procedure, the Commission, immediately following the closure of the forty-third session, held the first meeting of its forty-fourth session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairman and other members of the bureau. The Commission has elected a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. In view of the rotation of offices based on regional distribution, the officers at the forty-fourth session of the Commission are from the following regional groups: Chairman—eastern Europe: Pavel Vacek (Czech Republic); first Vice-Chairman—western Europe and others: Camilo Vázquez (Spain); second Vice-Chairman—Latin America and the Caribbean: Juan Ignacio Siles (Bolivia); third Vice-Chairman—Africa: Sameh Hassan Shoukry (Egypt); and Rapporteur—Asia: Hae-moon Chung (Republic of Korea).

A group composed of the five chairmen of the regional groups was established to assist the Chairman in dealing with organizational matters. That group, together with the elected officers, constituted the extended bureau foreseen in Council resolution 1991/39 of 21 June 1991.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council decided that the normative functions of the Commission should be made distinct from its role as the governing body of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP), and that, to that end, the agenda of the Commission should be structured in two distinct segments as follows:

[1] United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.10.

"(a) A normative segment, during which the Commission would discharge its treaty-based and normative functions, including mandates received from the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, and deal with emerging drug control issues;

"(b) An operational segment, during which the Commission would exercise its role as the governing body of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and consider issues related to the provision of policy guidance to the Programme."

The provisional agenda has been structured to comply with that resolution of the Council.

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council provides that the Commission shall, at the beginning of each session, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

In its decision 2000/240 of 27 July 2000, the Council took note of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-fourth session of the Commission, on the understanding that inter-sessional meetings would be held at Vienna, at no additional cost, to finalize the items to be included in the provisional agenda and the documentation requirements for that session. The provisional agenda, finalized at the inter-sessional meeting of the Commission held on 18 September, is before the Commission for adoption.

Documentation

Provisional agenda, annotations and provisional timetable (E/CN.7/2001/1)

3. Thematic debate: building partnerships to address the world drug problem

(a) Approaches to building partnerships within and across sectors, including health, education, law enforcement and justice

(b) Prevention, education and early intervention strategies, and trends in drug abuse among children and young people

The Commission at its forty-third session decided to hold a "thematic debate" and agreed on the following theme: "Building partnerships to address the world drug problem", on the understanding that the sub-items to be addressed and the methodology for the debate were to be agreed upon during inter-sessional meetings to be convened in Vienna, prior to the meetings of the Commission.

The inter-sessional meetings of the Commission held on 18 September and 1 December 2000 in Vienna, agreed on the methodology for the thematic debate and on two sub-items to be addressed.

A. Substantive items

Normative segment

Mandates received from the General Assembly

4. Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly: examination of the single biennial report of the Executive Director on the progress achieved by Governments in meeting the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008 set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the Assembly at its twentieth special session

In paragraph 20 of the Political Declaration adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (Assembly resolution S-20/2 of 10 June 1998, annex), the Assembly requested all States to report biennially to the Commission on their efforts to meet the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008 agreed to at its twentieth special session. The Assembly also requested the Commission to analyse those reports in order to enhance the cooperative effort to combat the world drug problem.

At its reconvened forty-second session, the Commission adopted resolution 42/11 entitled "Guidelines for reporting on the follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly", as well as the questionnaire, annexed to resolution 42/11, for reporting on the action plans and measures adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session, on the understanding that the questionnaire would be streamlined and amended during the reporting period. In the resolution, the Commission asked member States to transmit to the Executive Director, by 30 June 2000, their replies to the questionnaire. On the basis of those replies, the Executive Director would prepare, for submission to the Commission, a single biennial report for consideration at its forty-fourth regular session, in 2001. The Commission called on the Executive Director to submit his biennial report to member States no later than three months prior to its review by the Commission. However, as of 30 June 2000, the date set by the Commission for Governments to submit their questionnaires to the Executive Director, the Secretariat had received replies from only 15 States. At the time of the first inter-sessional meeting of the Commission, held on 18 September 2000, 61 questionnaires had been received. In response to a request made by the Commission at that meeting, a second reminder was addressed to those States which had not yet submitted their questionnaires. By 8 November 2000, 81 questionnaires had been received, on the basis of which the report by the Executive Director was prepared. At its second inter-sessional meeting, held on 1 December 2000, the Commission was informed that, in view of the submission of many of the questionnaires more than four months after the requested date, the Executive Director would not be in a position to circulate the biennial report to member States three months before the regular session of the Commission.

In its resolution 42/11 the Commission also decided that, during its regular session, the Committee of the Whole would assess the biennial report of the Executive Director, and that the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee would be considered by the Commission in plenary, under the agenda item entitled "Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly", and under separate agenda items related to the action plans and measures adopted by the Assembly at

its twentieth special session, allocating adequate time for the discussion of the biennial report of the Executive Director.

In its resolution 55/65 of 4 December 2000 entitled "international cooperation against the world drug problem" the General Assembly called upon all States to report biennially to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on their efforts to meet the goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008, as set out in the Political Declaration adopted at the special session, in accordance with the terms established in the Guidelines adopted by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its reconvened forty-second session.

At the request of the inter-sessional meetings of the Commission, the information provided by Governments in the biennial questionnaire is brought to the attention of the Commission in conference room papers 1 to 6. For its consideration of the item, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director (E/CN.7/2001/2).

Documentation

First biennial report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly devoted to countering the world drug problem together (E/CN.7/2001/2)

Information provided by Governments in the biennial questionnaire (E/CN.7/2001/CRP. 1-6)

Treaty-based and normative functions

5. Drug demand reduction

(a) Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction

(b) World situation with regard to drug abuse, in particular among children and youth

In its resolution 42/6, the Commission invited member States, when implementing the national prevention strategies and programmes in accordance with the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction (Assembly resolution 54/132 of 17 December 1999, annex), to pay particular attention to the need for thorough and extensive education campaigns at all levels; to include measures aimed at raising the awareness of the public and targeted population groups of the risks linked to the use of drugs, as well as measures to enhance the quality and accuracy of the information circulated by the mass media; and to limit and counterweigh by positive messages the damage caused by information that conflicts with those strategies.

In addition, the Commission invited member States to consider focusing on the above-mentioned issues in training programmes both for the police and the judiciary responsible for preventive information and for persons working in social and youth services and school and health facilities and to ensure proper coordination.

In its resolution 55/65, the General Assembly urged all Member States to implement the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles

of Drug Demand Reduction in their respective national, regional and international actions and to strengthen their national efforts to counter the abuse of illicit drugs among their population, in particular among children and youth. The Assembly also requested the Executive Director of UNDCP to report to the Commission at its forty-fourth session on the follow-up to the Action Plan. The report of the Executive Director is contained in document E/CN.7/2001/2 (see annotations to item 4 above).

Pursuant to Commission resolution 43/1 entitled "Streamlining the annual reports questionnaire" and to facilitate reporting on the Action Plan, the Commission has before it the revised part II of the annual reports questionnaire (E/CN.7/2001/3).

In its resolution 43/4, entitled "International cooperation for the prevention of drug abuse among children", the Commission requested the United Nations International Drug Control Programme to submit to it, at its forty-fourth session, a report on the implementation of resolution 43/4, as well as on the situation with regard to drug and inhalant abuse among children and on prevention and treatment programmes, indicating global trends, organized according to geographical regions, and containing proposals for international cooperation aimed at prevention. The report, which is entitled "World situation with regard to drug abuse, in particular among children and youth", is contained in document E/CN.7/2001/4.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing revised part II of the annual reports questionnaire (E/CN.7/2001/3)

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse, with particular reference to children and youth (E/CN.7/2001/4)

6. Illicit drug traffic and supply

(a) World situation with regard to drug trafficking and reports of subsidiary bodies of the Commission

(b) Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

(i) Measures to promote judicial cooperation (extradition, mutual legal assistance, controlled delivery, trafficking by sea and law enforcement cooperation, including training)

(ii) Countering money-laundering

(iii) Action Plan on International Cooperation on the Eradication of Illicit Drug Crops and on Alternative Development

In its resolution 55/65 the General Assembly requested UNDCP to take into account the outcome of the special session, to include in its report on illicit traffic in drugs an updated, objective and comprehensive assessment of worldwide trends in illicit traffic and transit in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including methods and routes used, and to recommend ways and means of improving the capacity of States along those routes to deal with all aspects of the drug problem.

In the same resolution, the Assembly stressed the importance of the meetings of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, in all regions of the world, and the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and

Middle East of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and encouraged them to continue to contribute to the strengthening of regional and international cooperation, taking into account the outcome of the special session.

Under item 6, the Commission will be informed of recent trends in illicit drug trafficking worldwide and of the reports of its subsidiary bodies convened since the forty-third session. The Commission is invited to consider the conclusions and recommendations emanating from the thirty-fifth session of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East; the Tenth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Twenty-fourth Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies, Asia and the Pacific. The Commission will have before it a report prepared by the Secretariat on the world drug situation with regard to illicit drug trafficking and action taken by its subsidiary bodies (E/CN.7/2001/5).

In its resolution 55/65, the General Assembly called upon States in which cultivation and production of illicit drug crops occur to establish or reinforce, where appropriate, national mechanisms to monitor and verify illicit crops, and requested the Executive Director of UNDCP to report to the Commission at its forty-fourth session, on the follow-up to the Action Plan on International Cooperation on the Eradication of Illicit Drug Crops and on Alternative Development. The report of the Executive Director is contained in document E/CN.7/2001/2 (see annotations to item 4 above).

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to illicit drug trafficking and reports of subsidiary bodies of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/CN.7/2001/5)

7. Implementation of the international drug control treaties

Under item 7 of its provisional agenda, the Commission is called upon to carry out its treaty functions under the provisions of various articles of the international drug control treaties.

(a) Changes in the scope of control of substances

In accordance with article 12, paragraph 13 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988,[2] which calls on the Commission to review periodically the adequacy and propriety of Tables I and II, the Commission will examine a recommendation by the International Narcotics Control Board pursuant to article 12, paragraph 2, of the 1988 Convention, to the effect that the substances acetic anhydride and potassium permanganate be transferred from Table II to Table I of the Convention. For its consideration of the item, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing the assessment, findings and recommendations of the Board

[2] See *Official Records of the United Nations Conference for the Adoption of a Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Vienna, 25 November-20 December 1988*, vol. I.

with respect to the two substances, as well as the data received from Governments on these substances (E/CN.7/2001/6).

Pursuant to article 12, paragraph 3, of the 1988 Convention, the Secretary-General transmitted to all Governments in notes verbales dated 3 and 4 May 2000 the two notifications and the information submitted by the Board in support of those notifications.

In accordance with article 12, paragraph 5, of the 1988 Convention, the Commission may decide by a two-thirds majority of its members, whether or not to transfer acetic anhydride and potassium permanganate from Table II to Table I of the 1988 Convention.

The Commission will also have before it for consideration a notification from the World Health Organization (WHO) concerning recommendations to place under international control four substances: 2C-B, 4-MTA, GHB and zolpidem. In accordance with article 2, paragraphs 1 and 4, of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,[3] WHO recommends that 2C-B be included in Schedule II, 4-MTA in Schedule I, and GHB and zolpidem in Schedule IV of that Convention.

In accordance with article 2, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the Secretary-General transmitted to all Governments in a note verbale dated 2 November 2000, the notification and the information submitted by WHO in support of the notification. The Commission will also have before it data received from Governments on any of these substances.

In accordance with article 17, paragraph 2, of the 1971 Convention, the Commission may decide by a two-thirds majority of its members whether or not to include 2C-B in Schedule II, 4-MTA in Schedule I, and GHB and zolpidem in Schedule IV of that Convention, or if not, what other action, if any, is required.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on changes in the scope of control of substances (E/CN.7/2001/6)

(b) International Narcotics Control Board

The annual report of the International Narcotics Control Board is submitted to the Economic and Social Council through the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of the international drug control treaties. The Commission may make such comments on the report as it sees fit. In addition, article 8 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,[4] article 8 of that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol,[5] article 17 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971[3] and article 21 of the 1988 Convention[2] authorize the Commission to call the attention of the Board to any matters that may be relevant to the functions of the Board. The report of the Board for 2000 (E/INCB/2000/1) will be before the Commission.

[4] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1691, no. 14956.
[5] Ibid., vol. 520, No. 7515.
[6] Ibid., vol. 976, No. 14152.

Article 12, paragraph 13, of the 1988 Convention requires the Board to report annually to the Commission on the implementation of that article. It is suggested that the 2000 report of the Board on the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention (E/INCB/2000/4) should be considered at the same time as the main report of the Board for 2000, which would be in line with the recent practice of the Commission.

Documentation

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2000 (E/INCB/2000/1)

Precursors and chemicals frequently used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances: report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2000 on the implementation of article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 (E/INCB/2000/4)

(c) International cooperation in order to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes

The report of the Board covers international cooperation in order to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes.

(d) Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

(i) Measures to prevent the illicit manufacture, import, export, trafficking, distribution and diversion of precursors used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

(ii) Action Plan against Illicit Manufacture, Trafficking and Abuse of Amphetamine-type Stimulants and their Precursors

The report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session (E/CN.7/2001/2) covers measures to prevent the illicit manufacture, import, export, trafficking, distribution and diversion of precursors used in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and the Action Plan against Illicit Manufacture, Trafficking and Abuse of Amphetamine-type Stimulants and their Precursors.

The two issues (amphetamine-type stimulants and precursors) will also be considered following the presentation of the annual report of the Board for 2000 and the report on the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention.

Governments are invited to inform the Commission of action taken at the national level to put into effect the measures with regard to control of precursors recommended by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session (Assembly resolution S-20/4 B of 10 June 1998), as well as initiatives taken with regard to the Action Plan against Illicit Manufacture, Trafficking and Abuse of Amphetamine-type Stimulants and their Precursors (Assembly resolution S-20/4 A of 10 June 1998).

Action taken by UNDCP in response to the request contained in paragraphs 9 and 10 of Commission resolution 43/10, entitled "Promotion of regional and international

cooperation in the fight against illicit manufacture, trafficking and consumption of synthetic drugs, in particular amphetamine-type stimulants", is reflected in the report of the Executive Director on the activities of UNDCP (E/CN.7/2001/7) and in the report on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session (E/CN.7/2001/2).

(e) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties

The Commission will have before it, for its information, the latest issue of the publication entitled *Competent National Authorities under the International Drug Control Treaties* (ST/NAR.3/2000/1).

The Commission will also have, for its information, the index for 2000 of national laws and regulations promulgated by States parties to give effect to the provisions of the international drug control treaties, as well as the report of the meeting of the informal open-ended working group on maritime cooperation against illicit drug trafficking by sea, held in Vienna from 5 to 8 December 2000.

Operational segment

8. Policy directives to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme

In its resolution 1999/30, entitled "Review of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme: strengthening the United Nations machinery for international drug control within the scope of the existing international drug control treaties and in accordance with the basic principles of the Charter of the United Nations", the Economic and Social Council indicated that the Commission, during the operational segment of its sessions, would exercise its role as the governing body of UNDCP and consider issues related to the provision of policy guidance to the Programme.

For its consideration of item 8, the Commission will have before it the report of the Executive Director of UNDCP on the activities of the Programme during 2000 (E/CN.7/2001/7).

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (E/CN.7/2001/7)

9. Strengthening the United Nations machinery for drug control

In its resolution 1999/30, the Economic and Social Council identified five main areas for strengthening the United Nations capacity in drug control. They related to the following: (a) enhancing the functioning of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs; (b) enhancing the functioning of the International Narcotics Control Board; (c) strengthening the financing of UNDCP; (d) framework for inter-agency cooperation and coordination; and (e) operations of UNDCP. In his report on the activities of UNDCP (E/CN.7/2001/7), the Executive Director will inform the Commission of measures taken to strengthen the United Nations machinery for drug control.

10. Administrative and budgetary questions

In its resolution 13 (XXXVI), the Commission established a budget cycle for the Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and a methodology that it would follow in its consideration of budgetary matters. That methodology was revised by the Commission in its resolutions 7 (XL) and 8 (XL), in which it adopted budget proposals in line with the harmonized budget model followed also by the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities. According to the budget cycle and revised methodology, the Commission approves the final biennial support and programme budget for the current biennium and the initial biennial support and programme budget for the next biennium for the Fund of UNDCP at its reconvened session, held in December of odd-numbered years. At its session held in the first half of odd-numbered years, the Commission reviews and approves the revised biennial programme and support budget for the current biennium and the proposed outline for the budget of the Fund for the next biennium. The relevant documents will be brought to the attention of the Commission at its forty-fourth session, in 2001.

At its forty-fourth regular session the Commission is expected to review and approve the proposed revised biennial support and programme budget for 2000-2001 for the Fund of UNDCP and the proposed outline for 2002-2003 for the Fund of UNDCP.

At its reconvened forty-fourth session in December, the Commission is expected to review and approve the proposed final biennial support and programme budget for 2000-2001 and the proposed initial biennial support and programme budget for 2002-2003 for the Fund of UNDCP.

For its consideration of the item, the Commission will have before it the documents listed below.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the proposed outline for 2002-2003 for the Fund of UNDCP (E/CN.7/2001/8)

Report of the Executive Director on the proposed revised support and programme budget for 2000-2001 for the Fund of UNDCP (E/CN.7/2001/9)

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed revised support and programme budget for the Fund of UNDCP (E/CN.7/2001/10)

B. Organizational and other matters

11. Duration of the sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

At its forty-third session, the Commission decided to include the question of the duration of its sessions as an item on the agenda for its forty-fourth session. The Secretariat was requested to prepare a background paper, including, inter alia, information on daily operational costs and other budgetary implications of

convening the Commission. For its consideration of the item, the Commission will have before it a note by the Secretariat (E/CN.7/2001/11).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the duration of the sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (E/CN.7/2001/11)

12. **Provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs**

13. **Other business**

No issues that need to be raised under item 13 have come to the attention of the Secretariat and no documentation on the item is currently foreseen.

14. **Adoption of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-fourth session**

It is expected that the Commission will adopt the report on its forty-fourth session by the afternoon of the last day of the session.

15. **Opening of the forty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs**

In accordance with the Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/30 and rule 16 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission, immediately following the closure of the forty-fourth session, will hold the first meeting of its forty-fifth session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairman and other members of the bureau.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

Committee of the Whole

1. In its resolution 1991/39 of 21 June 1991, the Economic and Social Council decided, inter alia, that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs should establish a committee, the membership of which should be open to all States members of the Commission, to perform such functions as requested by the Commission in order to assist it in dealing with its agenda and to facilitate its work.

2. As requested in paragraph 12 of Commission resolution 42/11, the Committee of the Whole will assess the biennial report of the Executive Director. The conclusions and recommendations of the Committee will be considered by the Commission in plenary under the agenda item entitled "Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly: examination of the single biennial report of the Executive Director on the progress achieved by Governments in meeting goals and targets for the years 2003 and 2008 set out in the Political Declaration adopted by the Assembly at its twentieth special session".

3. The Committee of the Whole is also invited to consider, under drug demand reduction, the report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug abuse, in particular among children and youth, and revised part II of the annual reports questionnaire; and, under illicit trafficking and supply, the report of the Secretariat on the world situation with regard to drug trafficking and reports of subsidiary bodies of the Commission.

4. In accordance with established practice, the Commission will first consider draft resolutions in the Committee of the Whole before they are brought to the plenary.

5. The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 21-23 March, and Monday, 26 March 2001, to consider the agenda items referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above and to review draft resolutions.

Provisional timetable

6. The timetable shown below is subject to approval by the Commission. As soon as discussion on an item or sub-item has been finished, the following one will be taken up, time permitting. Suggested meeting times are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Forty-fourth regular session, 20-29 March 2001

	Plenary	*Committee of the Whole*
Tuesday, 20 March		
1195th meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Opening *Item 2.* Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters *Item 7 (a).* Implementation of the international drug control treaties: changes in the scope of control of substances *Item 3.* Thematic debate: building partnerships to address the world drug problem	
1196th meeting 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	*Item 3.* Thematic debate: building partnerships to address the world drug problem (continued)	
Wednesday, 21 March		
1197th meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 3.* Thematic debate: building partnerships to address the world drug problem (continued)	*Item 4.* Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly: examination of the biennial report of the Executive Director
1198th meeting 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	*Item 3.* Thematic debate: building partnerships to address the world drug problem (concluded)	*Item 4.* Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly: examination of the biennial report of the Executive Director (concluded)
Thursday, 22 March		
1199th meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 4.* Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly: examination of the biennial report of the Executive Director	*Items 5 (a) and (b).* Drug demand reduction: Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction; world situation with regard to drug abuse, in particular among children and youth

	Plenary	*Committee of the Whole*
1200th meeting 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	*Item 4*. Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly: examination of the biennial report of the Executive Director (continued)	*Items 6 (a) and (b)*. Illicit drug traffic and supply: world situation with regard to drug trafficking and reports of subsidiary bodies of the Commission; follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly
Friday, 23 March		
1201st meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 4*. Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly: examination of the biennial report of the Executive Director (continued)	Follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly (review of biennial questionnaire and other follow-up action)
1202nd meeting 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	*Item 7 (b)*. Implementation of the international drug control treaties: International Narcotics Control Board	Consideration of draft resolutions
Monday, 26 March		
1203rd meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 7 (b)*. Implementation of the international drug control treaties: International Narcotics Control Board (continued) *Item 7 (d)*. Implementation of the international drug control treaties: follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly *Item 7 (e)*. Implementation of the international drug control treaties: other matters arising from the international drug control treaties	Consideration of draft resolutions (continued)
1204th meeting 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	*Items 5 (a) and (b)*. Drug demand reduction: Action Plan for the Implementation of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction; world situation with regard to drug abuse, in particular among children and youth	Consideration of draft resolutions (conclusion)

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1205th meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Items 6 (a) and (b)*. Illicit drug traffic and supply: world situation with regard to drug trafficking and reports of subsidiary bodies of the Commission; illicit drug traffic and supply: follow-up to the twentieth special session of the General Assembly	
1206th meeting 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	*Item 8*. Policy directives to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme	
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1207th meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 8*. Policy directives to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (continued) *Item 9*. Strengthening the United Nations machinery for drug control	
1208th meeting 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	*Item 10*. Administrative and budgetary questions *Item 11*. Duration of the sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs	
Thursday, 29 March		
1209th meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Adoption of draft resolutions and decisions	
1210th meeting 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	*Item 12*. Provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs *Item 13*. Other business *Item 14*. Adoption of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-fourth regular session	

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1213th meeting 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Item 10.* Administrative and budgetary questions (continued)	
1214th meeting 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	*Item 14.* Adoption of the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened forty-fourth session	
	Item 15. Opening of the forty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs	
	Item 1. Election of officers for the forty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs	